

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S273–S332

Measures Introduced: Eighty-two bills and twenty resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 308–389, S.J. Res. 11–13, and S. Res. 38–54. **Pages S310–14**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenses by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 40, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 41, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 43, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 44, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 47, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 48, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 50, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 51, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 52, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. **Pages S309–10**

Appointments:

Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 117–263, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Senator Cardin. **Page S332**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed

the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission) during the 118th Congress: Senator Cardin (and designate him Co-Chairman).

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Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair, announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Crapo, and Grassley. **Page S332**

Chung Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S276, S278–88**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 8), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S278–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired; that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 13, 2023, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, ripen following the disposition of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung. **Page S288**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 13, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Page S332**

Jenkins Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S277–78**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition

of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S277–78**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S277**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S277–78**

Garcia Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew L. Garcia, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S278**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S278**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S278**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S278**

Nelson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adrienne C. Nelson, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S278**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Matthew L. Garcia, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S278**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S278**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S278**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 7), DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S273–75**

Messages from the House: **Page S307**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S307**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S331–32**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—8) **Pages S275, S278**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2023 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on commodity programs, crop insurance, and credit, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, Marcia Bunger, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, and Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

HIGH ALTITUDE SURVEILLANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received a briefing on the People's Republic of China's high altitude surveillance efforts against the United States from Melissa Dalton, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Jedidiah Royal, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Lieutenant General Douglas Sims II, Director for Operations, Joint Staff J3, and Vice Admiral Sara Joyner, Director of Force Structure, Resources and Assessments, Joint Staff J8, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee; and